

INFORMATION

AGENDA ITEM: Young Adult Services

GENERAL OVERALL PROGRAM UPDATES:

CURRENT STATUS: In August 1999, the Library of California Board adopted a motion “to pursue a legislative vehicle(s) to implement a statewide Young Adult Services Program based on a program design that was initially adopted by the Board in August 1998.” Since the last Board meeting, the following activities have occurred:

AB 49 IS INTRODUCED

On December 04, 2000, Assemblymember Carl Washington (52nd District) introduced AB 49, which will create the “Youth Mentoring and Safe Communities Grant Program.”

Sponsored by the Library of California Board, and supported by the California Library Association, the Department of Education and numerous law enforcement agencies, the bill is based on the program design that was initially adopted by the Board in August 1998.

The bill is identical to AB 2486 which was introduced last year by Assemblymember Washington, but was not signed by the Governor.

According to the bill, prior to the most recent amendments, the State Librarian shall award grants to local public libraries that provide services to youth including, but not limited to, occupational and post-secondary education information, a homework center, a mentoring center, and a resources clearinghouse providing information regarding local after school programs and activities for youth. In the December 4, 2000 version, \$2.5 million is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Librarian for the purpose of allocating funds on a competitive grant award basis.

amended in assembly May 1, 2001
amended in assembly May 31, 2001
amended in senate July 18, 2001
amended in senate August 27, 2001

AB 49 HEARINGS



AB 49 was heard by the Senate Appropriations Committee on Monday, August 20, 2001 and was placed on Appropriations suspense file (Ayes 13, Noes 0). The bill was amended by the author on August 27, 2001, and was re-referred to the

Senate Appropriations Committee (See Exhibit A). Changes included: Addition of more authors and co-authors; Number of award grants removed (was four) as was the reference to four geographic regions; Amount of grants to vary according to population (\$30,000 - \$80,000); Cap of 25% of grant funds to be allocated to staff was removed.

AB 49 was heard by the Senate Appropriations Committee on Thursday, September 6, 2001 and was passed (Ayes 8, Noes 3, 2 persons absent, abstaining, or not voting).

The bill was passed by the Senate on Thursday, September 13, 2001 (Ayes 27, Noes 12, 1 person absent, abstaining or not voting) and was referred to the Assembly for concurrence of the Senate's amendments.

AB 49 was passed by the Assembly on Friday, September 14, 2001 (Ayes 59, Noes 18, 3 persons absent, abstaining or not voting).

The bill was forwarded to the Governor's Office.

The president of the Library of California Board forwarded a letter to the Governor urging him to sign the bill (Exhibit B).

AB 49 was vetoed by the Governor on Sunday, October 7, 2001 (Exhibit C).

RELATED ISSUE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN THE FUTURE: Updates on activities by Board members and staff.

Relevant Committee: Access Services
Staff Liaison: Bessie Condos Tichauer